

REMARKS

Claims 12 to 16, 18, to 20 and 25 through 39 continue to be in the case.

Claims 10 to 11, and 17 are being cancelled.

New claims 40 to 42 are being introduced.

Claim 1 incorporates the language of claim 12.

Claim 2 incorporates the language of claim 19.

Claim 12 incorporates the language of claim 2

Claim 19 incorporates the language of claim 1.

Claim 20 incorporates the language of claim 2

Claim 21 amends language and incorporates the language of claim 2

New Claim 40 incorporates the language of claim 1 and of claim 20.

New Claim 41 incorporates the language of claim 1 and amended language of claim 21.

New claim 42 is based on the language of claim 22.

The Office Action recites under point 5 that claims 25 to 39 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the finding of allowable claims 25 through 39.

The Office Action recites under point 6 that claims 1 to 9 and 21 to 24 stand rejected. Applicants are now rendering claims 3 to 9 and 23 to 24 to depend on claims 1 and 2 containing allowable subject matter.. Claim 1 is being amended by incorporating allowable subject matter from claim 12. Claim 2 is being amended by incorporating allowable subject matter from claim 19. Claim 21 is being amended.

The Office Action recites under point 7 that claims 11 to 20 stand objected. Applicants are now canceling claims 11 and 17. Applicants are amending the

remaining claims 12 to 16 and 18 to 20 by incorporating the language from all claims these claims were depending on.

1. Applicants mailed on August 5, 2003 a German Priority document to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and have a receipt postcard stamped August 11, 2003. However the documentation did not contain the then still unavailable serial number and the filing date. Recovery of the German Priority document would be greatly appreciated.

2. The present amendment cancels claims 10, 11 and 17.

3. Claim 20 as depending on claim 2 is being rewritten and incorporates the language of claim 2.

Claim 20 as depending on claim 1 is being rewritten as new claim 40 and incorporates the language of claim 2.

6. The objectionable language is being cancelled from claim 21 and claim 21 is put in independent form by incorporating the language of claim 2. A new claim 41 is being presented incorporating the language of claim 1 and of claim 21 with corrections.

The Office Action refers to Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102.

8. Claims 1-5 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schlöndorff et al. US 5,186,174 A.

The present amendment incorporates allowable subject matter into claims 1 and 2 thereby defining the claims 1 and 2 over the reference.resent application.

10. Claims 6, 7, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schlöndorff et al. USP 5,186,174 a..


The present amendment renders claims 1 and 2 allowable and therewith the dependent claims 6, 7, 23, and 24. 11. to 13. Applicants very much appreciate the reasoning given in the Office Action as to why the claims contain allowable subject matter.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

All claims 1 to 9, 12 to 16, and 18 to 42 as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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